

PRESIDENT: All right, we'll move on to LB 429.

CLERK: Mr. President, 429 was a bill introduced by Senator Lynch. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 21, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Transportation Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, do you wish to talk about the committee amendments, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, LB 429 is a bill which merely increases from 40,000 to \$60,000 the size of a project which a county can have done without putting it out to bids. The other section of it increases the amount from 40,000 to 60,000 the size of a project which does not need a professional engineer. The committee heard the arguments and decided to strike Section 2, and that is the section which would increase the amount...the size of the project which would not need engineering services. And I believe that the sponsor of the bill, Senator Lynch, is agreeable to that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, I confirm the statement of Senator Lamb. At the hearing we did agree to deleting Section 2.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then, if I understand right, Senator Lamb, a question for you, please. The county can allow for the construction of a project of up to \$60,000 without competitive bids. Is that right?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR SCHMIT: What about the division of a project into sections so that perhaps a project that might cost considerably more than that might be allowable? Is that any threat or is that any danger?

SENATOR LAMB: Of course, that part of the bill has not been changed. The situation in regard to splitting up projects, however that is handled now, would not be changed by the bill.